


The destruccyon of Iherusalem
by Vaspazian and Tytus.

Vespasianus
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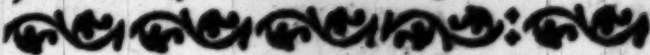
Whytete after that our lord Ihesu crist
was put on the crosse in Iherusalem Was
paspan that was then Emperoure of Ro-
me / of Almayne / and of all Lombardye /
and had and helde Iherusalem and Ius-
dee in grete subgeccyon. And Rome was chiefe of all
Spayne / and therfore he helde hym at Rome always
And that same Emperour adoured & made to adoure
the ydoles. And also he was the myghtyest of all the
worlde / and had all the good of the worlde at his plea-
sure. And he had one his sone holy and noble the whi-
che had to name Tytus. And that same sone had gre-
te puppauce / so that he had grete hope and delyte in
the temporell of this worlde / & bylletted moche strong-
ly in the ydoles / the whiche were maynteyned by the
deuylls that spake in them / by whom all the people
loste themselves. So that Ihesu cryste that had suffred
dethe and passyon for to redeeme the humayne lygnas
And for to reknowlege & caste the Emperour and his
folke from that erreure p they were in / god gaue vn-
to Vaspasian Emperour suche a cancre p it ete al his
throate & his lippes tyll his tethe & his browes / & pyl-
led his berde wherof the Emperoure and all his men
had grete sorowe. And made for to come the best phy-
sycyens and surgyens that they thought were in the
worlde. And the more that they handled hym the mos-
te encreased his maladye / so p the physycyens & sur-
gyens habandonned hym done / saynge that nothyng
myght hele hym save god alone. And the sykencesse
encreased so that Vaspasian was al lepre p he myght
not stande but laye nyght and daye in his bedde. 

And thus was the Emperour Vaspasian brought to the laste daye of his lyf.

And in that same tyme came a dysciple of Ihesu crist to rome that was called Clemens the whiche for the malice of the Emperour and of his folke he durst not speke nor make predycacion of Ihesu crist but yf that it were secretly. It happened one day that he preched of the passyon of Ihesu crist and of his holy fayth to some folkes that he had conuerted so that a good knyght that was called Gay whiche was Seneschall of the Emperour came to the sermon. And whan he hadde herde it he conuerted hym to þe fayth of Ihesu crist. And anon as he departed fro the sermon he wente vnto the Emperour and saue hym moche dysfygured lyenge in his bedde. for the whiche he began for to wepe moche strongly and to make grete dole for the grete euyl that his lord the Emperour had.



Then the sayd Gay Seneschall sayd vnto þe emperour. I beleue not that your goddes nor your puyssaunces haue any power to hele you. But I haue herde saye in the temple of August cesar youre fader þat there was in Iherusalem a holy prophete / þat was called Ihesu crist the whiche dyde many grete myracles in his lyfe. for he guarysshed the lepres / and ryghted the crepylles and lame the paralytyques and heled þe demonyacles and raysed the dead. And also he heled al the maladies of them that came vnto hym. And the Jewes by enuye that they had vpon hym bycause that they saue hym do suche myracles / Iuged hym to deeth and crucefyed hym on a crosse. And pplate your prouost Iuged hym to deye on the crosse. And also I haue herde say that he rose vp on the thyrde daye and as

ter mounted vp in to heuen as kynge & lord almygh-
ty. And yet I haue also herde saye that who that may
haue some thyng that hath touched the body of s^t ho-
ly prophete / and that they haue theyr sayth in hym that
they shall be anone heled. Wherfore syr I beleue that &
ye myght haue some thyng that hath touched the ho-
ly prophete / that ye sholde be hole anone of your malas-
dye and sekenes. 

Syr me sayd s^t Emperour / knowe ye not yf this
holy prophete beleueth in our goddes. Syr said
Gay the Seneshall how may ye thynke that this holy
prophete beleueth in your goddes. For I haue herde sa-
ye that he is lord of goddes / kynge and souerayn of all
the worlde / and also is god almyghty that dyscended
from heuen vnto the erthe / for to take fleshe humayn
in the byrgin Marye. And also I haue herde saye whan
he wente on the erthe he had. lxxii. felawes dysciples s^t
wente with hym. And of the same he had. xii. that were
more nerer hym than the other. And of these. xii. there
was one that was called Judas scarpot. And that sa-
me Judas solde hym to the Jewes for. xxx. pens. For
enensho sholde it be after the saynge of the scriptures of
the Jewes. And the dysciple repented hym & retorned
to the Jewes the. xxx. pens in saynge that he had done
euyl. But the Jewes wolde neuer take them agayne /
And he caste them in to the temple of salamon / and dis-
payred and hanged hymself. But leue we these wordes
sayd the Seneshall and sende in to Iherusalem to se
and there may be founde any thyng of the holy prophe-
te / or that hath touched his blessyd body / for and yf ye
may fynde any thyng / ye shall be heled anone.

Cytus. Uaf.

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How Vaspalyan sente Guy his Seneshall vnto
Iherusalem for to haue some thyng of our lord Ihe
su cryst and how Pylate refused hym the trybute.




When sayd the Emperour yf it be so as you say
I praye you that ye prolonge it no more / but
that incontynent you go theder / and yf that ye fynde
ony thyng of the holy prophete bryng it to me. And
knowe that and the holy prophete hele me I shal ven
ge his deth / and dystrope the Jewes / so many that I
shal gyue .xxx. for a peny / ryght so as they gaue .xxx.
pence for a holy prophete. And also I wyll that ye say
vnto Pylate syth that ye goo theder / yf it dyspleaseth


me gretely of that / that he sendeth me not the truage
that he ought for to sende me. The whiche he was ac-
customed for to sende my fader. And also he sente it
me by the space of thre yere. But now he hath sayl-
led me by seven yere. And yf that he quyte hym not /
pardon not. Syr sayd the Seneshall I shall doo well
your wyll and commaundement yf it please god. And
then Gay the Seneshall made hym redy honourably
as vnto a Seneshall apperteyned / and embassatour
of an Emperour. Notwithstondyng he ledde not w-
hym many men / but alonely four knyghtes / & squy-
ers and somtre horses / and pages at his wyll. And af-
ter toke money of the Emperour at his pleasure / and
toke leue at hym and mounted on horsbacke with his
men / and wente by londe vnto the porte of Wallyette /
And there they put themselfe vpon y^e see / and rowed
so moche vpon y^e see by the pleasure of god that they
arriued at the porte of Darre. And whan they were
in Arre they put themselfe vpon the lande and rode
vnto the cyte of Iherusalem. Where as they lodged
them secretly in the hous of a good holy man / y^e whi-
che was called Jacob the sage fader of Mary and so:
toured there thre dayes.



And whan the Seneshall Gay and his fel-
lawes hadde sojourned in the sayd hous
of Jacob thre dayes withoute makynge
themselfe to be knowen what they were
vnto any body. Jacob his host spake vnto
hym as foloweth and sayd. Syr me thyngeth that
you are a man puyssaunt and also dyscrete and noble

I beseeche you that ye wyll tell me of what countree you
are/and what ye seke. For and yf ye wyll tell me I pro
myse you for to helpe you with all my power. 

When þ Seneshall Gay answered to Jacob his
hoste. By god hoste you seme me to be a goode
man/and therfore I shall tell it you. knowe þ I am þ
Seneshal of the Emperour of Rome/that is my lorde
and yours/and he trusteth moche in me. And knowe þ
Masparzan the Emperoure by whom Rome & Iherus
salem is gouerned/is so taken in the bysage with mas
ladpe/and the body soo euyl apparaylled with lepre þ
he may not sustayne hym selfe/but behoueth hym to lye
nyght & day. And it is a ryght pyteous syght to se hym.
Of the whiche he and all his folke hathe greate dole/ &
dyspleasure. For they can fynde noo surgens that can
hele hym/and gothe euer in empayryng/for the whiche
fayre host I am come hether. For I herde saye & spes
ke at Rome of a holy prophete that was named Ihesus
of Nazareth that the Jewes had crucifyed in this cys
te/ & all by enuye/bycause that he dyde many myracles
in his lyfe/at his dethe/and after his dethe. And I ha
ue sayd vnto my lorde the Emperour that & he myght
fynde ony thyng that had touched the body of the holy
prophete/that incontynent þ he sholde haue it/he shol
de anone be heled/in asmoche as he had his truste in þ
holy prophete. So that my lorde hathe sent me hether
for to se yf I myght fynde ony thyng/ & that yf I my
ghte fynde ony thyng for to brynge it hym. And thers
fore fayre host I am come hether for that cause. Wher
fore I praye you that and ye can gyue me ony counsaill
that ye wyll gyue it me/for ye shall haue grette good/ &

grete honoure of my lord the Emperour. And I swe
re you that ye shal be for euer a grete lord in his cour
te. And I praye you that ye hyde me nothyng. For of
a trouthe I shall not retorne towarde my lord tyll þ
I haue founde some thyng. 


Syr sayd Jacob to þ Seneschal tell me yf it plea
se you yf my lord þ Emperour byleue not in
the holy prophete / and yf that he haue not adoured hy
as god of heuen that is almyghty. And the Seneschal
tolde hym that he worshypped the ydoles / and wyll
not leue it for nothyng. And then Jacob sayd to him
Syr retorne you agayn hardyly syth that he byleueth
not in the holy prophete the whiche suffred dethe and
passyon as I dyd se. And also I sawe hym dyscended
from the crosse / and put in the monument of the good
knyght Joseph of Armathye / þ whiche was his fren
de. And syth I sawe hym whan he was arysen frome
deth to lyfe / preche to his appostles and said. Go your
wayes thowowe the worlde and preche the gospell vn
to all the worlde and to euery creature. And saye vnto
them that who byleueth in the sone of the byrgyn Ma
rye / and shall be baptyfed shal be saued. And who that
wyll not byleue shal be dampned. Wherfore I tel you
that and he byleue not in the holy prophete / and wor
shyp as god almyghty / he may not be heled. But and
he wolde byleue he shall be heled anone / as haue ben
grete foyson of other. Syr I tel you an exemple. The
re was a lady that was called Uernyque of the countre
of Galylee. And that same lady was so leprous þ she
durste not fynde herself amonge people / yet hadde she


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Here sayd Gay the Seneſhal this I byleue wel
But I praye you that ye wyll ſende for the ſaid
woman. And þ ſhe come with me vnto Rome to my
loꝛde the Emperour. For I wote well that he wyl by
leue in the holy prophete. And whan he ſhall be heled
all cryſtendome ſhall be exalted by hym: And alſo he
ſhall venge the dethe of the holy prophete. ¶ ¶
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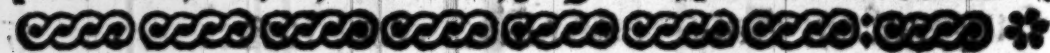
And then Jacob sente for her by one of his ser-
uauntes, & a squyer of Gayes. Whan she was
come Jacob tolde her how the Emperoure had sente

his Seneschall for her for to come and hele hym at ro-
me of his leprochode. And he sayd to her these wordes
to the ende that the fayth of Ihesu cryst were exalted
And also he tolde her that she sholde bynge the clothe
and other thynges yf she hadde any. And Ueronyque
sayd to hym yf she was well contente to go thider for
she byleued that the vertue of Ihesu cryst sholde hele
the Emperoure. And yf yf it myghte be done all yf peo-
ple wolde byleue in Ihesu cryst. And whan the Sene-
shall herde her speke so he had ryght grette Joye and
badde yf she sholde apparayll her for to departe. 

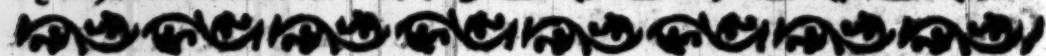
Then sayd Gay the Seneschall I must speke w-
thylate. And Jacob answered hym yf he wold
go with hym gladly. And they twayne with theyr cō-
pany wente for to speke with thylate. So they foude
hym before the temple of Salamon. Then gay the se-
neshall salued hym in saynge. Syr thylate I am mess-
senger of the Emperour of Rome my lord and yours
And he maadeth you by me yf ye sende hym the trybu-
te of seuen yere that you owe hym. And knowe that he
is euyl content with you bycause ye haue not sent hym
the trybute euery yere as ye sholde. Neuertheles yf ye
sende it hym by me he shall not be so euyl contente w-
you seynge you are so farre of. 

Whan thylate herde Gay the Seneschall speke
so he made hym ryght euyl chere & semblaunt
And answered hym ryght proude in mena-
synge hym & sayd to hym yf he wolde haue his counsaill

And then an euyl man that was of his counsayll / and
was his Seneshall / the whiche was called Barrabā
sayd before theym all. I counsayll that nothyng noz
hōmage he reknoledge to the Emperoure / but saye þ
he was lord hymselfe of Iherusalem. For also þ peo-
ple wolde rather haue Pylate to theyr lord than the
Emperour / or any other. And that the Emperour kep-
te & were lord of Rome and of Lombardye. And said
vnto Pylate that he neded not to fere of nothyng / &
that and the Emperour came with al his men to Ihe-
rusalem for to make warre / he myght not lyue by des-
faute of water / bycause þ there is noo water nere this
cyte. And then Pylate helde his counsayll for good / &
commaunded that they sholde slee Gay the Seneshal
But barrabam sayd that it sholde be yll done. For mes-
sengers ought for to haue no harme for any thyng þ
they say / so that they haue it by cōmaundement. And
then Pylate badde hym retorne and saye vnto the em-
perour that he helde nothyng of hym.



How Gay the Seneshal retourned to the Emperour
with Hieronymus. And how the Emperoure was heled
by the vernacle.




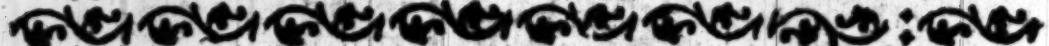
When Gay departed from Pylate moche an-
gry / and thought hym for to retorne incons-
tynent vnto Rome / and toke leue of Jacob
his host and gaue him fayre Jewelles / & of
treasour grete foyson. And departed from
Iherusalem with Hieronymus and al his company / &





rode vnto Cesarye/and in to Acre. And there they tooke
 the shipp and had good wynde/so that they came to the
 porte of Valette in ryght grete Joye euerychone to be
 landed in sauete. And aboue all Gay the Beneshall.
 For he had hope that god sholde do him suche honour
 that his trauayll sholde be his saluacyon. And whan
 they had soiourned there two dayes they mounted on
 horsbacke and rode to Rome vnto the Emperour whi-
 che abode in right grete payne bycause of his malady

Wal. & Ty.

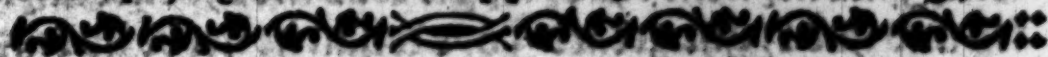
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that he had on hym. And whan the Emperour knewe
of the comynge of his Seneschall he had ryght greate
Joye and wyll for to speke with hym. And at þ same
tyme that Gay was comen vntorome the Emperour
had sente for all the kynges and prynces of his Empp
re. Whether was come / kynges / dukes / erles / and ba
rons / knyghtes / and all the nobles of his sayd Empp
re. For he wolde crowne his sone Tytus / bycause that
he hymselfe was so dysfygured and myght not walke
to gouerne his Emppre / for þ whiche he wolde crow
ne hym on the morowe.  

Then came Gay the Seneschall Joyously befo
re the Emperour / his lord / and salued hym in
makynge hym reuerence. And the Emperour sayd þ
he was ryght welcome. In demaundyng hym yf he
had founde any thyng þ myght hele hym. And Gaye
sayd vnto hym. Syr make you gladde and Joyous &
yelde graces vnto god Jhesu cryst. For I haue foude
a holy lady that hath his fygure in a clothe / with the
whiche clothe she was heled also sone as she had tous
ched it. the whiche lady was all leproous. And syr yf ye
wyll beleue stedfastly in Jhesu cryste ye shall be heled
anone / and elles ye can neuer be heled.  

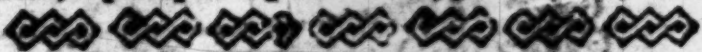
Then the Emperour sayd vnto Gay his Sene
schall. I beleue well all þ you haue sayd / wher
fore yf it please Jhesu cryst for to gyue me hel
the I shall venge his dethe. Nowe make come to me
that lady / and that she brynge with her the clothe al

so worthely as vnto it apperteyneth to be brought.





Syr sayd Gay the Seneschall to morowe whan
all your baronnye is togyder I shall make the
lady to come before you in the presence of them all to
the ende that every body se the myracle and byleue in
Ihesu cryste. And then ye may crowne your sone Cy-
tus. And the Emperour sayd that it was well spoken
And sayd that at the pleasure of god be it done. 





After Gay the Seneschall retorned vnto his hou-
se & the Emperour abode in his palays. And
whan Gay was in his hous he founde Ueronyque &
sayd to her. Lady my lordethe Emperour wyl that ye
come before hym to morowe in the mornynge. But ma-
ke your prayers vnto our lord Ihesu cryste & he wyl
shewe of his grete myrales on the Emperour that it
wyl please hym to guaryste hym of al his maladyes
to the ende that all the people byleue in hym that he is
almighty god. 




And whan the lady herde it she put her in pray-
son and prayed oure lord moche swetely for
the guarysthyng of the Emperoure. And euenslo as
Ueronyque was in prayson a dysciple of Ihesu cryst
passed forby the doze and she lyfte vp her eye & sawe
hym passe. And anone she knewe hym and called hym
by his name. And sayd vnto hym. Broder Clemens
our redemptour Ihesu cryste be with you alwayes. 

And Incontynent the dysciple was moche meruayls
 led and had ryght greate Joye whan he herde he was
 called by his propre name / & speke of Ihesu cryst in þ
 house of the Seneſhall. And then Veronyque sayd to
 hym. Be not aferde of nothyng for I tell the þ crysten
 dome ſhal be exalted by þ. And for to gyue þ in know
 lege what I am. I am the woman that was lepre in
 Galyle / whiche was heled by þ Uernacle. And I am
 comen in to this countree for to helc the Emperour by
 the grace of god. Wherfore I praye you that you cos
 me with me & preche to hym þ holy lawe and fayth of
 Ihesu cryſte. And then the dysciple dyde knowe that
 it was the pleasure of Ihesu cryſt. And sayd at þ plea
 ſure of god be it done. I praye you ſaid he tel me your
 name. And ſhe tolde it hym. 

How Veronyque ſhewed the Uernacle to the Ems
 perour / and how he was heled of his lepre.  



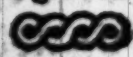
When the dysciple toke leue of the lady & wente
his waye. And whan it came on the morowe/
the Emperour wolde not adoure the ydoles/because
that he had no stedfaste byleue in them thurgh his ses
neshall. And whan it came to the houre of tyers al the
barons were assembled where as the Emperour was
in a fayre bedde. And then he made to come his Sene
shall/clemence/and Veronyque/whiche gaue the ver
nacle to Clemens. And whan they were before y Em
perour Veronyque salued him & said to hym. Syr vn
derstonde y sermon of this holy man that is dysciple
of Ihesu cryste. And after the sermon by the pleasure
of almyghty god you shall be heled. Then the Emper
our made scyence to be made all aboute. And he moft
ted on a scastolde & preched the natyurte & passyon of
our lord Ihesu cryste entyely / & how he shall come
at y daye of Iugement to Iuge the quicke & the deed
Whan the sermon was done/ Veronyque and he put
them in prayson/and prayed Ihesu cryste almyghtye
that it wolde please hym to shewe his myracle/& gode
bertue. And whan they had adoured hym/they vnfol
ded the holy clothe seynge all the baronny/& put it bes
foze the Emperour/and made hym adoure it. Incons
tynent that he had worshypped it/he was hole & soun
de/so y it semed that he had neuer ben seke. Then he
arose and wente all aboute / wherof his barons was
ryght Joyfuyll/and yelded thankes and graces vnto
our lord Ihesu cryst / as Clemens the dysciple had
taught them. 


How Vaspasian crowned Tytus his sone Emper
our. 




After that the graces was yelded to god & Emperour crowned his sone Tytus Emperour of Rome moche honourably. And whan it came on þe morowe in the mornynge Clemens preched to the Emperour, to Tytus his sone & to all the barons. And whan he had fynysshed he yelded graces vnto god and vnto þe emperour and to all his barons & sayd Amen. ❧ ❧

Then Clemens & Gay the Seneschal sayd vnto the Emperour that sith Ihesu cryst had heled hym þe he sholde baptise hym for his loue. for Ihesu cryst ordeyned the baptysme wout þe whiche no man can be saued and also cause all your barons to be bap


tyled. ¶ Then the Emperour sayd I am moche behol-
den vnto this woman that hath trauayled so moche
for me/ and toke Veronyque by the hande and sayd to
her. Lady take of myn Emppye as moche as you wyll
castelles or towne/ excepte Rome that is chiefe of my
Emppye. And Veronyque answered. Syr I thanke
Ihesu cryste and you also. I praye you that ye wyll
gyue me any thyng ye gyue it to Clement that is dyscyp-
le of Ihesu cryst/ for I haue gyuen me vnto hym. &
the Emperour answered her lady þ which you wyll
pleaseth me. And Clement sayd vnto the Emperoure
Syr I wyll haue none other thyng of you/ but that
ye wyll be crystened and beleue in the lawe of Ihesu
cryst/ that hath done you so grete grace/ & cause your
men to be crystened/ for he is god almyghty. 



¶ Then answered the Emperour/ frende I wyll
that thou be appostoll & chiefe of all crystendo-
me/ & make to preche the lawe of Ihesu cryst thughe
all myn Emppye/ & who þ wyll conuerte them it shall
please me well. But knowe þ I wyll not baptise me
till that I haue venged the dethe of Ihesu cryst/ and
then I wyll be baptised/ and al my men also/ yf he gy-
ue me grace for to retorne in saufte. Then the Emper-
our toke by Clement/ and made hym appostoll. And
made to make a chirche of saynt Symeon/ and an au-
ter. And vpon the same auter he put the clothe of þ ver-
nacle where as was the semblaunce of the face of our
lorde Ihesu cryste/ and put it vpon two pyllers of fy-
ne golde. And made for to ordeyne in the chirche fayr
vestymentes & copes. And he made make many fayre

fontes for to baptise all them that wolde be baptised
And there saynt Clemens baptised Hieronymus with
out chaſyngge her name. And then he preched by dy
uers tymes in the sayd temple. And afterwarde there
was baptised euery day more and more. 



And then after this the Seneschal entred with
Vaspasian in to his chambze and sayd to hy
Sy: I haue grete Joye þ you are heled so wel thugh
the grace of Ihesu cryst. Nowe sy: I wyll tell you of
Pylate your prouost how he spake to me whan I de
maunded hym your truage that he oweth you. He ma
de me ryght euyl chere in saynge that he wolde sende
you nothyng / nor that he knewe not þ he helde any
thyng of you in þ cyte of Iherusalem / nor therabout
And yet I tell you that and I hadde spoken any more
he wolde haue made me to haue be slayne And whan
I sawe that I wolde not make noo longe processe for
the grete Joye that I had to haue foude some of that
that was necessary to you. But wel I tolde hym from
you that he sholde yet be dystroyed And as I tolde hy
that a Jewe a holy man rose vp & sayd before all / that
within an. C. yere after in Iherusalem sholde be soo
grete famyne that the moder sholde ete her chyld for
hongre. And another Jewe þ was called Jacob sayd
also that for a trouthe the holy prophete said with his
mouthe that in shorte tyme sholde come the dystruccy
on and vengeaunce of Iherusalem / & that there shol
de not abyde one stone vpon another. And sholde be so
grete hongre in the cyte that the moder sholde ete her
chyld. Whan Pylate herde þ he was moche angrye /

And sayd vnto them that and euer they spake of that
more he sholde make them be hanged. Now beholde
sy how pplate your prouost is true vnto you. 

 Now Vaspasian and Tytus assembled theyr hoost
for to go and dystrope the cyte of Iherusalem.



Whan the Emperoure herde that whiche
Say his Sencshall tolde hym / he was
moche angrye / and maunded anone the
rowe out his Emprye / and on the other
partes that al men berynge armes / and
other artyfycers to that necessarye / shold come armed
and apparaylled to Rome. And incontynent all they
of his emprye & other came theder in fayre ordynau
ce after theyr estate. And theder was come kynges / du
kes / erles / barons and knyghtes / & dyuers other pryn
ces. And were wel ordeyned and armed for to entre in
to batayll. And were well in nombre. iiii. C. M. knygh
tes / without the other folke. And the Emperoure had
made to make what shippes & other vesselles. xxx. M.
In the whiche vesselles he and all his men put theym
vpon the see. And then made to syng / crye / & blowe w
trompettes and clarens / and mynstrelles playe on all
sydes. And made to pulle vp the saylles in suche ma
ner and guyse / that it semed y^e heuyn and erthe sholde
assemble togyder. And they had so good wynde and so
fayre weder that within .v. weekes they arryued at the
porte of Acre. Soo that in a mornynge at the sone rys
ynge they y^e were within the towne of Acre came and
yelded the keyes to the Emperour. And he toke them
to mercy. And whan they had refreshed them there /
Walpasyan and Tytus his sone with all theyr armye
wente and assyeged a castell / that was bytwene Jhes
rusalem & acre / and it was called Alcassert. And whan
the Jewes of the castell sawe so many men lodged a
bout the castell. They wolde haue yelded them glads
ly yf they had knowen they sholde haue had mercey. /
Whan all the hoost was in theyr tentes our lord sent

And are comen for to take Pylate / for he consented þ
 forsayd dethe. And knowe þ my colyn Joseph of Ar
 mathye dyscended the holy prophete of þ crosse / & put
 hym in sepulchre. And knowe that we may do you gre
 te ease yf ye wyll take Iherusalem / through counsayll.
 So we praye you sye to haue mercye on vs. And then
 þ Emperour toke them to mercy. And Jasce prayed
 them to gyue them some mete / in countynge them all
 theyr myseryes of hongre / and the Emperour made
 them haue mete / & demaunded theim yf they beleued
 in Ihesu cryst / & they sayd ye. Then he made them of
 his preuy counsayll.

¶ How Vaspasian & Tytus toke counsayll / & howe
 they besyged Iherusalem.





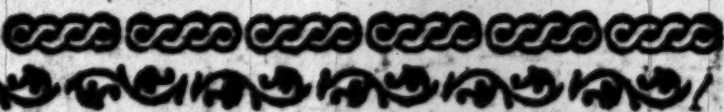

And after Vaspasian and Tytus his sone
had counsayll þ they sholde go before Iher
usalem with all theyr hoost. And it happe
ned them that whiche saynt Luke recouns
teth þ sayd. Whan Ihesu cryste approched
nere Iherusalem he wepte vpon it & sayd to the Cyte
yf thou knewe what shall happen the thou wolde we
pe. For thou knowest not the daye of thy vysytacyon
for thou shalt be all enuyrionned/allyegeed/and assayl
led. And they shall not leue one stone vpon another/&
the sones þ shall be with the shall be dystroyed. 

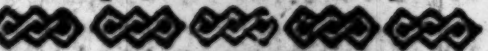
Plate knewe not yet nothyng of the comynge
of the emperour/nor of his men þ came agayn
hym. For on suche a daye euery yere the Jewes of all
the lande therabout made a grete feest in the cyte of
Iherusalem. And also there was comen þ gretttest par
te of the Jewes. And the sone of Herodes þ was crow
ned kynge of Galylee þ whiche was called Archelaus
was comen to the feest with all his men. And whyles
that the Jewes was in Iherusalem/ there blew so
grete a wynde that none of the Jewes wold not ysue
out of the cyte/nor retourne to go in to theyr countres
bycause of the wynde that was so grete and stronge.


And then Vaspasian the Emperour & Tytus
his sone with all theyr hoost came and alleged
Iherusalem all aboute/by suche maner that there ne
myght nothyng ysue nor entre but that it passed by
the hoost. And whan Pplate & they that were within
Wal. & Ty. C.J.

the cyte of Iherusalem sawe the hoost and soo many
folke aboute the towne / they were moche strongely as-
basshed. And Pylate was then moche abasshed. And
then the kyng Archylaus was soze abasshed & sayd to
Pylate þ he sholde doubte of nothyng / for there was
so moche good chyualtry in the cyte of Iherusalem / &
that she was so well and soo strongly garnysshed that
they neded not to fere of nothyng / so that they armed
them and wente all assayll and sende backe them that
were in the hoost of the Emperour. To the ende that
they of the sayd hoost dyde repente theim of that they
were comen. And also that the hoost myght not longe
endure by defaute of water. And the counsayl pleased
moche Pylate / and made crye thzughe al the cyte that
euery body sholde arme hym. And incontynent euery
body armed hym. And whan they were euerychone ar-
med they came befoze pylate at the palays. And whan
they wolde haue yssued out of the cyte of Iherusalem
the Emperours men were so nere approached the wal-
les of the cyte that they durst not yssue / but had couns-
sayll to shytte the gates / and put a partye to kepe the
walles / and the other dysarmed theym to bere stones
vpon the walles. And incontynente made to crye that
euery man sholde bere stones vpon the walles. Except
them that kepte the walles / and that the cyte sholde be
well garnysshed. They were well. ix. thousande to be-
re stones vpon the walles. And Pylate and the kyng
Archylaus were dysarmed / and eche of theym had on
theyr mauntelles of grene / and Pylate helde a whyte
stafte in his hande. And Pylate and the kyng Archy-
laus sente worde to the Emperour that they wolde go
and speke with hym vpon assuraunce / withoute ouy

fraude or gyle. 

Uhen Vaspasian the Emperoure / Jafet / Gay
the Seneschall with .xl. knyghtes came to the
walle of the cyte where as was Pylate and the kynge
Archylaus. And Tytus sone of the Emperoure abode
in the hooft. And then Vaspasian demaunded of gay
his Seneschall whiche was Pylate. And he sayd vnto
hym that it was he þ heelde the whyte staffe in his han
de. Then Vaspasian began for to speke vnto Pylate
and sayd. Pylate my noble Iulys cesar gaue þ Iher
usalem in kepyng / and wylled that thou was his pro
uost / and that thou gouerned this lande. And whan þ
knewe that he was deed thou sent me the truage that
thou ought by thre yere. And syth hast ben seuen yere
without sendyng it me. And whan I sente to the for
it by Gay my Seneschall thou sayd vnto hym byllany
And sayd to hym that thou helde nothyng of me / and
yet sayd to hym that I sholde kepe well Rome & Lon
bardye / & that thou sholde kepe wel Iherusalem / and
reknowleged no homage nor truage. Wherfore I wyl
þ thou make open the gates of this cyte to the ende þ
I may do my wyll with the & with all them that is en
habytynge there within. 


Then Vaspasian spake vnto Pylate / and what ans
were Pylate gaue hym 





Hen answered Pilate to Vaspasian the
 perour and sayd that he sholde take couns
 sayll and so departed and wente and held
 hys counsayll with all his barons / and w
 the kynge Archylaus. And the sayd Archy
 laus spake fyrste and sayd to hym that he neded not to
 doubte the menaces of the Emperour. For you maye
 wele defende you agaynst him and resyste. For you ha
 ue within this cyte so moche good chyualry that I by
 leue that in the thirde partye of þ worlde there is not
 soo many good men. And it sholde be greate shame to
 you yf you defended you not agaynst the Emperoure

And myshappte take hym that shal yelde hym to them
 perour to do his wyll. And whan þ kyng Archylaus
 had spoken so the Seneschall of Pylate that was cal
 led Barrabam sayd to Pylate. Syr the kyng gyueth
 you good counsayll. For knowe certaynly that ye nede
 not to haue fere of the Emperour for he hathe not the
 puyssaunce to abyde with his hoost in this countree
 the space of two monethes for they shall haue no was
 ter but yf they go and fetch it ryghte ferre at the lake
 of the deuyll. There where as perysshed two cytees
 that was called Sodom & Gomor. And that sholde be
 to grete payne for them. Wherfore I byleue þ the em
 perour maye not abyde longe aboute vs. And also we
 may well holde vs. vii. yere agaynste hym. Wherfore
 I counsayll you that you desye hym of þ that he hathe
 ben so hardy to come on this syde the see. And that he
 retourne the sonest that he may. And Pylate and the
 kyng Archylaus and all þ baronny helde it for good
 counsayll and wente vpon the walle where the Em
 perour with all his men abode hym at þ fote of þ sayd
 walle. And Pylate began to speke to the Emperoure
 and sayd. Syr retourne your way and kepe wel your
 lande. For I shall kepe this cyte well from you / & fro
 all myne enemyes. And knowe that I shall not yelde
 you this cyte. But I counsayll you that you dystroye
 you not / & that you retourne.

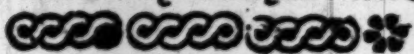



Then the Emperour said to pylate. Do not spe
 ke to me to retourne but tell me yf ye wyll yet
 de me the Cyte as to your souerayne lord temporell.
 For I promyse you that you nor no man within þ cy



How Maspatyan returned all angrye in to his pas
slyons & how his knyghtes complayned vnto hym
for water for theyr horses.



When the Emperour returned to his tentes all
angrye/ & recounted all vnto his sone Tytus/
the whiche thanked god ꝑ it was so happened. Then

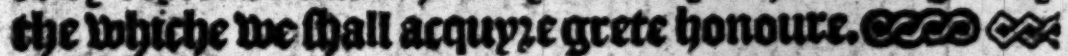
came there many knyghtes and pages before the Emperour demaundyng hym how they sholde haue water for xl. myle aboute the hoost they myght fynde no water for to water theyr horses. Whan the Emperour herde those complayntes he meruaylled / & sayd to Jafet of Casset. How may we haue water for our horses and other beestes. And Jafet sayd. Syr and you haue grete fopson of beestes make many to be flayne & salte the fleshe for the men of the hoost / and make þ hydes to be dyessed and sewed togyder / and make bougettes of them for to cary the water styll from the lake of the deuyl in to the valeye of Josaphat tyll that it be full / And whan the Emperour and Cytus his sone hadde herde Jafet gyue suche counsayll they helde it for good And anonie they made to flee what oxen / what kyen / gotes / camelles / and horses. lx. thousande. And sythe made to salte the fleshe / and corpe the skynnes / and sewe them togyder / & stratched them in the valeye of Josaphat. And whan þ valeye of Josaphat was apparaylled þ Emperour sayd to Jafet þ he sholde thynke to make come water from the lake of þ deuyl / and to fyll the valeye of Josaphat. 

Japhet made redy two thousande horses þ bare water euery daye incessauntly from the lake of the deuyl / and made it to be put in þ valeye afor sayd as it had ben a ponde all full / so moche that the valey was all full / & helde also wel as it had ben all of one pece And by the wyl of god the water was also fayre and clere / and also freshe as the water that cometh out of the roche. 

How Pylate and kynge Archylaus put Jacob the
 fader of Mary Jacobe in prysen / & how an angel had
 hym out of the cyte. And how he recounted it to Vlase
 pasyan and Tytus. 
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When Pylate and the kynge Archylaus /
 and the other folke of Iherusalem sawe
 that the baleye of Josaphat was full of
 water / they meruaylled moche / & thous
 ght incontynent that Jaset had gyuen
 that counsayll. For he was a holy man Jewe and of
 grete engyn. And Pylate began to abashe hym right
 strongly / and in his herte thought yf he wolde he were

out of the cyte in a felde. And repented hym moche of
that he had not yelded the cyte to the Emperour. And
the kyng Archylaus and Barrabam the Seneschal of
Pylate that had gyuen hym that counsayll comforted
hym moche strongly and gretely / and sayd vnto hym
Pylate wherfore do you abasshe you / for yf the emper
our and all his hoost abyde here seuen yere / they shall
haue neyther strength nor puyssaunce to haue this cy
te by force. And also he may not abyde here longe / by
the whiche we shall acqwyre grete honoure. 

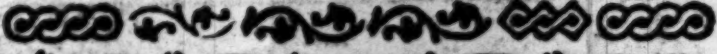
AND whan Jacob fader of mary Jacobe herde
this he helde it for grete folp / and sayd to Py
late. Syr I meruayll me moche how ye byleue this y
these tell you . For wytte it certaynly that you can not
holde / nor we agaynst the Emperour. But and ye wyl
byleue me I shall gyue you good counsayl. And Pyla
te wolde wete what counsayl he sholde gyue. And Ja
cob sayd to hym / syr sende worde to the Emperoure y
ye wyl yelde hym the cyte to doo his pleasure. And I
byleue he shall take you to mercy. And thenne Pylate
sayd vnto hym / thou art acursed / and also hast renyed
our lawe . Soo thou ought not to be byleued / nor thy
counsayl also. For yf the Emperour had this cyte thou
wolde retozne and byleue in his lawe payen / and well
it appereth. For thou sente vnto hym Ueronyque y is
a false woman and a wytche / that hathe heled hym by
her unhappy craftes and enchaitementes. Thou hast
done that / & I shall take vengeance on the. Then Py
late made hym to be taken and fastened to a cheyne of
yron / and made hym to be put in his pryson in the don


geon of a grete toure that was vnder the palays of þ
sayd cyte. ~~~~~

How Jacob made his prayres vnto our lord Ihesu
in cryste in the pryson. ~~~~~



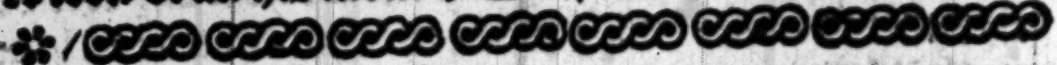


And whan Jacob was in that same pryson the
whiche was moche obscure he reclaimed ouer
our lord Ihesu cryste in saynge that by his pyte and
mercy he wolde not lette hym dye there. And whan
his daughter Marye Jacobs herde tell that her fader

was in pryson / & so trauaylled by Pylate / she put her
in prayson and prayed god moche sweetely in saynge.
Saye lord god Ihesu cryst beholde how thy frende
my fader is in pryson. I praye the that thou kepe him
me that his enemyes may not do hym yll. Saye fader
god that deliuered Joseph of Armathe from the pry
son of Pylate deliuer my fader also. And incontynent
as she had synysshed her prayer / the aungell of god des
liuered her fader / seyng all the keepers / the whiche ne
myght stee nomore than they had ben deed / and ledde
hym out of the cyte before the Emperoures tente and
there leste hym. 

Whan Jacob was at the entre of the tente
of the Emperour they y were there wen
de that he had ben a spyre / & began for to
take hym. And whan Gay the Senechal
sawe hym / he knewe hym anone / & sayd
that he had ben his hoost. And in kyllyng hym ledde
hym before the Emperour / & sayd sy this man was
myn hoost that ensygned me to Hieronyque. 


Then the Emperour demaunded hym how he
was yssued out of the cyte / for he hadde herde
saye that Pylate hadde made hym to be put in pryson
And Jacob sayd vnto hym that our lord Ihesu cryst
hadde sente vnto hym an aungell that had deliuered
hym out of pryson and had brought hym theder. And
whan the emperoure hadde herde hym he made hym
greate chere / and reteyned hym of his owne couste /

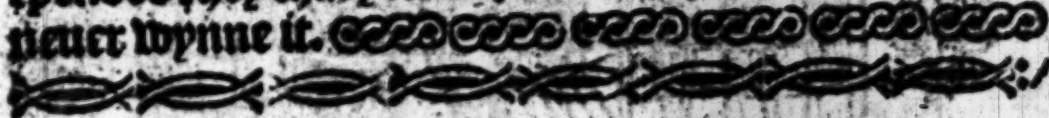
With Jafet of Casset & wyllid that he were of his pre
uy counsayll / and made to make hym honour and gre
te feest of all his men. 

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How Vaspasyan assembled his counsayll for to wyte
how he myght assayll Jherusalem / and how Jacob
gaue hym counsayll for to make dytches aboute Jhe
rusalem. 



When Vaspasyan the Emperour made come ty
tus his sone and dreyue hym a parte with Jas

set and Jacob and had. lx. barons þ̄ were of his coun-
sayl secrete and sayd to them. I haue made you come
hede to the ende that we haue counsayl how we shal
do with this cyte. And I wyl that Jacob say fyrst his
oppenyon. for god hath done hym the grace that he
hath sente hym his aungell for to take hym out of pry-
son to the ende that he tell vs of pylate and of kynge
Archylaus how they bere theym wīn the cyte & what
they saye and what they do & what is theyr entencō


Iacob sayd then vnto þ̄ Emperour. Syr I shall
tell you of the dede. Knowe that ponder within
the cyte is but lytell bytaylles / wherfore they can not
holde longe. And also they are moche abashed / for in
all þ̄ lande with payne is there abyden one Jewe but
that they are comen vnto the feest ponder within. for
it was a custome every yere to make þ̄ feest And whan
you had layde the spege none durst yssue out / nor also
none toke no hede of you. Wherfore I tell you syr that
they shal be sone dyscomfyted / for they are not garnys-
shed with bytaylles / neuertheles they may yssue oute
by dyuers places. So I counsayl that ye make to be
made grete pyttes / to the ende that none yssue oute wō
oute your lyceuce. And whan theyr bytaylles shal be
spended they shal yelde them vnto you or elles ye shal
neuer wyne it. 

When the Emperour and the barons of the coun-
sayl helde it for good and wel spoken. And in
contynent the Emperour made to crye thughe all the
Mal. & Cy. D. 14.

boost that all they whiche mebled them with making
 of pyttes sholde come vnto the Emperour/and in con-
 tynent it was done. And whan they were come before
 the Emperour they founde them well togeder. v. M.
 workemen. Then the Emperoure commaunded theym
 for to make depe pyttes aboute the cyte of Iherusalem
 And sayd vnto Jafet and Jacob that they sholde be þ
 admynystratours. And Jafet and Jacob behelde bes-
 twene them bothe where they shold begyn the forsaide
 dytches. So they made them be begone where as the
 thought best/and ledde with them. xx. M. atchers wel
 garnysshed for to kepe them that made þ pyttes. And
 the werke men made them in the maner that Jafet &
 Jacob commaunded them. So they made the forsaide
 dytches. xxx. culdettes depe/and. xx. brode.


How Dylate assembled his men of armes for to fyg-
 hte with the Emperour.




When Pilate sawe þat they made dytches
 in suche wyse/and that they kepte them
 so strypte. He demaunded counsaill of þe
 kynge Archelaus/the whiche made sen
 de for Joseph of Armathe to counsaill
 that sayd. Syr, we may doo none other thyng/but I
 counsaill you that we arme vs to morowe in the morn
 ynge euerychone/and that we go and assaill them.
 For the sonne shall smyte them in the faces/& we shall
 dystroie them all. And Pilate and the kynge Archy
 laus helde that counsaill for good. And made crye at
 nyghte thurgh the all the cyte that on the morowe at the
 poynt of the daye they sholde be armed afore the tem
 ple of Salamon in a ryght fayre place that was there
 And whan it came on the morowe they were well ars
 med and apparaylled/and ordeyned theyr bataylles/&
 were well .xx. M. knyghtes/and .lx. M. squyers/& well
 lxx. M. archers and sergeantes surely dressed. And py
 late comaunded that they sholde entre wysely in to ba
 tayll/and that none dysordred them/but kept them at
 the ordenaunce of the capytaynes.

Then Pilate and the kynge Archelaus toke the
 .xx. M. knyghtes & yssued by the grete gate of
 the cyte. And incontynent as one of the watche of the
 Emperour sawe them yssue out all armed he moued
 on horsbacke and ran & recounted it vnto the Emper
 our. And then the Emperour sente for Tytus his son
 ne/and for Isafet and Jacob/and sayd to them that in
 contynent they sholde make to crye that euery Capy
 tayne sholde be armed with all theyr retyned surely

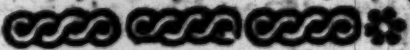
And incontynent it was done / for of themselves it was
apparaylled from daye to daye. And whan they of the
hoost knewe wherfore they were yssued / they hadde ry-
ght grette Joye / and anon came all armed before the
Emperour. And the Emperour sayd vnto them that
they shoulde haue batayl. And tolde vnto them how py-
late came agaynst them with his men: & badde theym
for to ordeyne theyr bataylles / & that euery body were
redy for to synpte vpon theyr enemyes. And whan they
were redy and all armed / the Emperour / tytus his so-
ne / and þ other kynges / dukes / erles / barons & knygh-
tes and all other maner of folkes yssued oute there as
they were lodged / & were men without nombre. And
whan they were comen there as þ hoost of Pilate was
it was aboute tyers. And the men of Pilate were not
yet all yssued out of Iherusalem. Whan they were all
out the bataylles were ordeyned / and made the myn-
strelles to playe and to blowe vp the trompettes / and
entermedled them togyder in suche maner / þ ye shold
neyther haue sene nor herde heuen nor erthe / & smote
the one vpon the other so myghty strokes with speeres
vpon theyr sheldes and other harneys that at the fyrst
batayll there deyed thre thousande what of one what
of other of them of Pilate. And of them of the Emper-
our. viii. C. and the batayll dured vnto þ houre of no-
ne.





After that the bataylles were ended / they put
themselve all asyde and rested them. And whā
they had rested them on bothe partyes they retourned
agayne vnto the selbe / and began the batayll agayne /


When our lord Ihesu crist that wolde that
his dethe were benyged byde a myracle / for
they of the batayll wende þ the sonne wolde
haue rested / and began to departe from
the felde . And the sonne by the wyll of god
toured towarde orient / and arose bp as it had ben
fayre mornynge / and the nyght was passed / & was a
fayre clere daye vnto the sone settinge. And thus the
re was no nyght byt wene the two dayes. When them
perour and Cytus his sone had sene þ grete myracle
that god had made / they thought that it was not gods
wyl that they sholde yet ysue out of the felde. And
then they returned and began to smyte vpon the hoost
of Pylate / & Pylate on them / and the batayll dured
vnto myddaye. And there deyed vpon the parte of Py
late foure thousande two hondred and fyfty And on þ
Emperours syde a thousande and fyfty. 


When the batayles were moche strongly chaffed
one agaynst another / and wente & rested them
tyll euensonge tyme. And then they came agayne to þ
felde and smote the one vpon the other / and dured tyl
nyght. And there was slayne on Pylates partye thre
thousande & l. persons. And of them of þ Emperour
iij. C. l. So that in all there deyed on Pylates parte .x.
M. men. And on the Emperours. iij. M. iij. C. And in
that same batayll the Emperour repied by the felde /
and droue Pylates hoost vnto the gates of the cyte of
Iherusalem. And as they reculed theym they herde a
man that cryed styl Vaspasian go in to Iherusalem.
Wherof euery body was abashed / for they wende it

had ben prophete. And at that same entre was hurt
Joseph of Armathe with a spere in the thyres / but he
was not moche the wors. And whan Pylate & the kyn
ge Archelaus were retraped within the cyte they wes
te ryght soze trauayled / and had grete sorowe for the
losse they had receyued in the batayll. For they neuer
had so grete sorowe afore for nothyng nor after. And
the Emperoure wente and lodged hym in his tentes /
with his men / and ther they refreshed them / for they
were ryght wery everychone. 

Whan the Emperour sawe that Pylate pe
sued not out of the cite. He said vnto Ja
set and vnto Jacob that they sholde thp
ke to make the pyttes / to the ende p they
myght haue soner done. And they went
and put to as many werkemen as was before / for me
ynowe put to theyr handes. And they were wel. xv. M.
werkemen / soo that in lytell space they had made the
sayd pyttes all aboute Iherusalem / by suche manere
that no persone ne myght pssue nor entre woute theyr
lycence. For the sayd pyttes were made depe and bro
de as ye haue herde before. 

Whan Pylate sawe that no man ne myght pssue
he and the other barons of the cyte assembled
them / and dyscomforted them moche / and all
the othe people also. And there cryed and sayd euer a
voyce (Vaspassan go) in Iherusalem is ded. And it
wolde saye it by oure blessed lozde Ihesu cryste. 

but we shall saye þ this prophet was agaynst vs. **S**pye
þylate ye had euill counsaill whan ye wolde not yelde
this cyte vnto the Emperour our lord. Nowe may
we well se that þ cyte approacheth that this boyce ga-
ue that abode at the gate of the cyte and sayd. Go Ula-
pasyan in to Iherusalem for all þ people deyth now
in this cyte by the stretes. 


When þylate herde the crye of the people / & he
wente and counsailld hym with kynig Archy-
laus and with his barons and other knyghtes / & abo-
ue all other Joseph of Armathe spake fyrst and sayd
to þylate. **S**pye here can be noo remedye saue that we
make styll these folke / and that there be made two gre-
te pyttes for to put them that be ded in / for they are
to nere the cyte. And is ryght peryllous for pestylence
And also that there come no closynge to the cyte. And
also that we kepe vs wysely / and make the bytaylles
to be wel kepte / for in beyrte there is ryght lytel seynge
that we are so many. For there is well. xxx. thousande
straungers that are comen for this feest. And none can
put them out. Wherefore it is of necessitye that euerycho-
ne kepe well theyr bytaylles. 


And whan he hadde herde the counsaill of Jo-
seph of Armathe he sayd þ it was wel sayd /
And hadde Joseph do it after his owne pleasure. The
whiche Joseph made to make two grete pyttes wher
in they dyde put the ded bodyes / þ was well in noum-
ber. xiii. thousande. And made to kepe the bytaylles.

What grete famyne was within the cyte of Jherusalem and how the people came and complayned vnto Pylate.



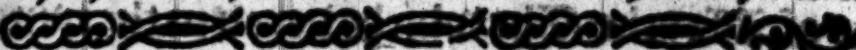
After that there happened so grete famyne within the cyte of Jherusalem and derthe that there abode no wylde herbe to ete that myght be had. And also ete the deed beestes were they horses/dogges/cattes/or any of the beestes. For they hongre was so grete that all þe they myght gete was lone gone.

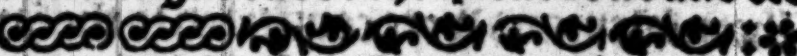
Then was more gretter crye in Iherusalem than
had be afore / for the folke deyed for hongre / &
whan they were deed they were borne in to the pyttes
where as was the other. And in dede there was founde
de deed for one daye for hongre by the stretes thre hondred
and forty persones / of the whiche Pylate had grete
dole / moche more than he had before. 

Then Pylate had in his counsaill and made cry
that what persone had no mete that he shoulde
take there as he myghte gete it. And of this the pooze
folkes had grete Joye / and wente thurgh the stretes
by grete hepes theder as they thoughte to fynde ony
mete. And incontynent as they sawe smoke / or smelled
ony savour of mete in what someuer hous it was they
entered and who that myght take moost had moost / by
suche manere that they spylte al the bytaylles in short
tyme / so that there was founde no mete within the cyte
of Iherusalem. And in the ende they wente vnto the
gates of the cyte that were couered with boyled leder
and ete therof for the grete hongre that they had. And
there was in Iherusalem so grete derthe that a lytell
ferdyngge lose was worth .ix. peces of golde. And an ap-
ple was worth the weyght of golde. And whan all the
bytaylles was eten soo that there was none founde no
more to sell / they gnawed the wodde and ete the erthe.
And then the folkes deyed in the stretes for pure hongre
innumerable. 

Now then happened that a lady that had to name Marye the whiche had ben wyfe of þe kynge of Affryke. The whiche deyed in the tyme þe Ihesu cryste was crucifyed. That same lady wyllid not to be maryed any moze / and she had a doughter and a noble lady that was her felowe / þe whiche was called claryce and she had a sone. These two ladyes came in to Iherusalem and were converted to the fayth of Ihesu cryste / and was baptysed. And these two ladyes was well garnysshed of bytaylles so as it apperteyned vnto a quene / vnto the tyme that the men of Pilate dyd stele it from theym. And they were euer in prayson towards Ihesu cryst / for they had strongly theyr fayth. And as it is sayd before the Jewes had stolen theyr bytaylles excepte herbes that they had in a gardyne that was within theyr hous / and of these herbes they lyued. Whan al theyr herbes was eten the doughter of þe quene of Affryke was moche feble for hongre / and deyed without any other schenes / wherof the quene had ryght grette sorowe and wepte moche strongly. And also the sone of the felawe of the quene deyed for grette hongre / for the whiche his moder made ryght grette dole / And also for that that they had grette hongre / also wel as for theyr chyldren that were deed.


When the felawe of the quene sawe / considered theyr grette sorowe / she sayd vnto the quene. Lady leue we this sorowe / in pees and take we my chyldre and cut a quarter / and rolle we it lych that we haue none other thyng for to ete / and that all is gone.

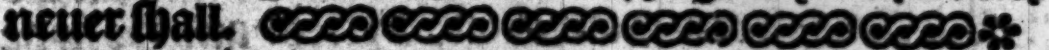
And whan the quene herde that of grette sorowde & hyf
dour that she hadde she fell downe vnto the erthe in a
swoone. 

How as the two ladyes were in counsaill & the que-
ne in swoone an aungell hadde the quene roste and ete
her chyldre. 



And then as the quene Marye laye swooning
an aungell came that toke her by & comforted
her and sayd vnto her. Lady god sendeth you worde
by me that you ete the chyldre to the ende that y^e which

he hath sayd shall be accomplisshed & done. For The
su cryst spoke it with his propre mouthe in this Cyte
the daye of Palmesondaye whan he entred mounted
vpon an asse. And that in þ generacyon sholde be pesti
lence and famyne so grete in Jherusalem that the mo
der sholde ete her chylde / for the grete hongre þ sholde
be in the cyte. The whiche cyte sholde be dystroyed in
suche maner that one stone sholde not abyde vpon ano
ther / & so grete dystruccyon of people. Wherfore sayd
the aungell to the lady it behoueth to be so done / & god
wyl that it shall be so accomplisshed. So the aungell
departed from her and wente his waye. 

Then the ladyes abode wepyng & toke þ chylde
and cut of a quarter with the sholder & layde it
to roste. And in rostynge it there yssued oute a ryghte
grete and good odoure / in suche wyse that it smelled al
aboute the strete. And Pylate & the kynge Archylaus
wente thughe the cyte thynkynge & aduysynge howe
they myght do. And whan they were before the house
of the quene Pylate smelled the good odoure of þ rost /
and had grete luste to haue therof. Soo he called a ser
geant and sayd to hym. Go se where this roste is / &
saye vnto hym that oweth it þ he sende me some / for I
had neuer so grete desyre of nothyng of þ worlde nor
neuer shall. 

Then the sergeauntes that were .x. or .xij. wente
thughe the strete serchynge where the roste
myghte be. At the laste they came in to the hous of the
Val. & Cy. C. j.

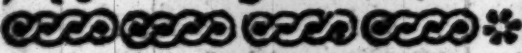
good quene and called at the gate. And whan they we
re within they salued the ladyes and said. Ladyes my
lorde Pylate prayeth you that ye wyll sende him some
of your good roste / for he sayeth that neuer the dayes
of his lyfe he had not so grete desyre of nothyng.



Then sayd the quenes felawe / By god frendes
gladly / and she toke the thre quarters that we
re lefte of her chylde / and toke a knyfe & sayd to them /
Lordes holde me there and I shall cut you some to be
re to your mayster whiche shall make it be dressed af-
ter his appetyte. And whan the sergeauntes sawe the
chylde cut / and that the lady wolde cut it yet agayne
for to sende to Pylate / they were so agast and had soo
grete hydour p they were almoost out of theyr wytte
And retourned all confused before Pylate. Whan Py-
late sawe them come he sayd vnto them / from whens
come you so abashed / bryngge ye me no roste p I sent
you fore. And the sergeauntes sayd vnto hym. Syr
a lady hath quartered her chylde / and hath made to
roste a quarter that she wyll ete. And whan we had as-
ked her / she toke the chylde & wolde haue sente you a
quarter / and that ye sholde make it to be roasted & dress-
ed after your appetyte. The whiche whan we sawe
we had grete horroure and grete sorowe / soo that we
hadde almoost ronne out of our wyttes / and we dyde
yscuse out of her house also soone as we myghte for the
grete horroure that we had to se her cut her owne chyl-
de and roste it.

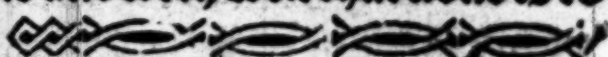


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han Pylate herde the answere that the
sergeantes brought hym from þe ladyes
of the chylde he had ryght grete hydour
and doubted hym for the whiche he ye
de in to his palays and layde hym dowe
ne in his bedde of the grete sorowe that he had / & there
he helde hym ryght dolent and dysconforted. And the
ladyes were in theyr house / that wepte and complay
ned theyr chyliden. Neuertheles they began for to ete
for the grete hongre that they had / for god had comaū
ded them. And euer in etyng they wept ryght strong
ly. but it behoued that they ete therof / for god had spo
ken it with his owne mouthe. And whan they hadde
eten the chylde of Claryce they beganne for to ete the
doughter of the quene / but there was the ryght greate
doloure whan the quene began for to ete of her dought
ter / for every body that sawe her wepe might not kepe
them from wepyng of the pyte and greate sorowe þe
she had and demeaned. 



And whan Pylate hadde ben thre dayes in his
bedde sorowfull and dysconforted / he rose vp
and wente vnto kynge Archylaus afore the temple of
Salamon where as he was. And thether he made to
come all his barons and all his counsayll / and said vn
to theym my lordes I can not tell what counsayll we
may take agaynst this Emperour / for we are in grete
dystresse by this that we haue no bytaylles / and also I
knowe certaynly that there is happened in this cyte a
ryghte grete sclaunder and a grete mysauenture / hor
ryble and ryght hydeous for to here and to recounte.

That is that the moders etc theyr chyldren for hongre
So that I counsayll that we yelde this cyte vnto the
Emperour / and yf he wyl take me to mercy that he do
it / for I had leuer deye alone than al the people sholde
deye. For the Emperour knoweth well that none is to
blame but I alone. 



Whan Archylaus and all the other barons herde
de the counsayll that Pylate gaue / they were
ryght soyr and moche dolant and sayd all wes
pyngge. Ha god what shall we do with our lord Pylate
And then the grete complayntes arose in the cyte soo
that they herde them in the hoost of the Emperour / &
the crye was moche grete seyrge that it was no daye
but that there deyed in the cyte. iiii. C. persones of the
grete famyne that there was. 



When Pylate said that yf whiche he had sayd he
wolde perfourme. And sayd vnto yf kynge Ar
chylaus that he sholde arme hym with. v. C.
knyghtes. And whan they were armed they wente to
the dytche there as the Emperour was. To the which
they maunded that they wolde speke with hym in sa
uete. And incontynent the Emperour / tytus his sone
Jafet and Jacob and. xx. C. knyghtes well armed ca
me where Pylate & the kynge Archylaus abode them
And whan the Emperour was come Pylate beganne
to speke to the Emperour and sayd. Syr Emperoure
haue pyte on me and on all this people yf it please you
and take the cyte and the treasoure and all that there



is / and let vs goo in to straunge landes cyled by the
worlde. 


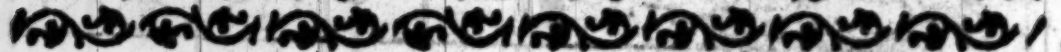
How the Emperour spake vnto Pylate & the kyng
Archylaus and what answere they had. 



Then the Emperoure answered to Pylate and
sayd. Yf thou wylte yelde me the cyte / thyselfe
and all them that are within for to do my pleasure I
shall do it gladly / and otherwyle not / and I promyse
Wal. & Ty. C.ii.

the that I shall haue no mercy on none within the cy-
te no more than thou had on Ihesu cryste. 


And then the kynge Archylaus sayd vnto the
Emperour. Syr I am sone of kynge Herode
your grete frende that was kynge of Galylee. And af-
ter his dethe I succeeded the realme/Wherfore I beses-
che you that it wyll please you for to take me to mercy
for my fader nor I dide neuer nothyng agaynst you
nor agaynst your fader/ & also we dyde neuer consente
to the dethe of Ihesu cryste. And ryght dere lord my
fader was ryght preuy of the court of your fader. 


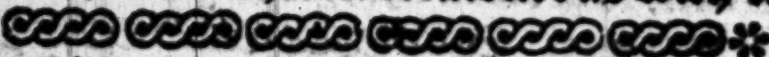
Then sayd the Emperoure to the kynge Archy-
laus/arte thou than the sone of Herode þ mas-
de the persecucion of the lytel chyldren/and wolde ha-
ue slayne Ihesu cryst in his enfance. The man þ hath
no pyte nor mercy ought not to fynde no pyte nor mer-
cy. Thy fader wolde haue slayne Ihesu cryst the pros-
phete whan he was bozne/and made to sle all the chyls-
dren that he myght fynde vnder the aege of two yere/
& had mercy on none And made sle in nombze. C. xliiii
M. And for this cause I shall neuer haue mercy on þ
and thou shall repare the iniquytees of thy fader. 


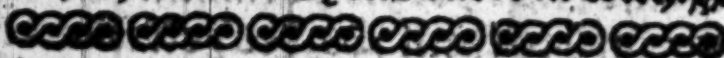
And whan the kynge Archylaus herde þ he dys-
cended all in a rage/ & vnarmed hym. And af-
ter drewe out his swerde/ & sayd vnto the Emperoure
Neuer please it the greate god þ you or man paynym

baunt hym of my dethe. And then he put the poynt of
 his swerde agaynst his brest & thurste hymselfe a fote
 thowhe the body / & so fell downe deed in to the pytte.
 Whan Pylate & his men sawe þ kyng Archylaus so
 deed / they were ryght sorowfull & retourned in to the
 cyte / and recounted to the people all the dede of kyng
 Archylaus / and the answer of the Emperoure. Then
 the men of the sayd kyng & all the other people made
 grete sorowe / and rente theyr gownes / & pulled theyr
 heere / and made so grete sorowe that there was neuer
 none sene so grete in the cyte of Iherusalem nor in no
 ne other place.

On the morowe Pylate made to come Ioseph of
 Armathye befoze hym & Barrabam his Senes
 shal & all the other people & demaunded them counsayll
 And also sayd to them. Lordes you se wel that we can
 holde no lenger agaynst this Emperour / and that god
 hath forgotten them. For neuer no cite was in so grete
 trybulacyon as this cyte is / for we haue no bytaylles
 but shall deye all for hongre / counsayll what we shall
 do now.

Then Ioseph of Armathye sayd. Syr we can
 not gyue you no good counsayll syth þ the Em
 perour wyll not take you to mercy. Cuyll were ye cou
 saylled to be enemye with the Emperour / for ye maye
 well wete that we maye not resyste agaynst hym nor
 holde agaynst his pullaunce longe.

Plate sayd I knowe well what we shal do. In
this cyte is moche greate rycheesse of golde and
silver and of precyous stones and the Emperour and
his men weneth well to haue it / I knowe well howe
they shall haue nothyng / and it shall be our profyte /
We shall make to grynde the precyous stones & the o-
ther treasure stampe in morters of brasle in suche ma-
ner y they may be eten / & thus we shall passe our lyfe.
And whan the Emperour and his men shall take the
cyte they shall not fynde the treasure. For also grete
thanke shall we haue withoute treasure as with the
treasure. 

How Pylate made his complaynt to the barons of
Iherusalem and how he yelded vp the cyte vnto the
Emperour whiche made Cytus entrein with .xx. M.
knyghtes. 




And whan pylate hadde gyuen and sayd
this good counsayll they sayd al þ̄ it was
well spoken. And euery body wente vnto
theyr houses and they that had golde syl
uer or p̄cious stones they dyde so as he
had sayd. And they that had to moche they gaue vnto
them the whiche had none And of that same treasour
they lyued well. xxi. dayes.


Then whan the treasour was all eten/all þ̄ peo
ple came before pylate & sayd vnto hym. Syr
pylate we haue done that the whiche ye haue coun
saylled vs of the treasoure but it is all spylte and con
sumed/what shall we do from hens forth. And then
pylate was moche pensyfe and sorowfull and began
for to wepe before them all and sayd. Lordes you ha
ue made me your mayster/lorde/ and gouernoure of
you all in this cyte/ but from hens forth I can not go
uerne you. So I praye you & requyre for god pardon
that and euer I dyde you ony hurte that you wyl par
don it me.

And whan all þ̄ Jewes sawe that pylate dys
comforted him so/they began for to wepe/for
they thought well that they sholde be all dystroyed/&
there was none but that they wepte/and had so grete
sorowe that they myghte not answere neuer a worde
vnto hym/ but lamented moche strongly.


And then Pilate said lordes haue we good her-
tes and put we vs vnto the wyll of the greate
god and go we yelde vs to the Emperour to doo with
vs his good wyll. For it is better that we go vnto him
than we sholde let vs deye for hongre/for there is not
one day with another but that there deyeth in this cy-
te threhondred persones. And parauenture it shal co-
me in his mynde to take vs to mercye/or þ moost gre-
test partye.




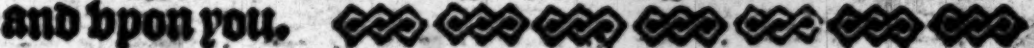
Sone after this Pilate yssued out of the cyte of
Iherusalem with all the people/and went vn-
to the pyttes that the Emperour had made to make/
And Tytus the sone of the Emperour wente then on
sportynge with his knyghtes alonge the pyttes syde
And Pilate knewe hym by his armes sygned with þ
Egle/and made hym sygne with his glouc. And whā
Tytus sawe hym he canic thederwarde with his said
knyghtes. And Pilate began for to speke vnto Titus
and sayd vnto hym. Syr Tytus newe Emperour we
supplie you all that it please you to praye your fader
that he haue mercye on vs/and also yourselfe to haue
pyte/and take these poore people vnto mercye whiche
requyre you all wepyng. And take noo regarde vnto
our iniquytes/but of your bounte & gentylnes you ta-
ke compassyon on vs.



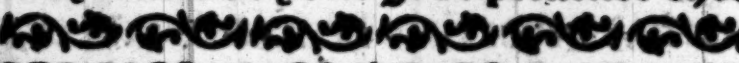

When Tytus the sone of the Emperour herde
þ he maunded it vnto þ Emperour his fader
by two of his knyghtes. The whiche two kni-

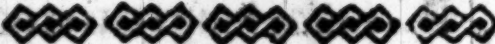
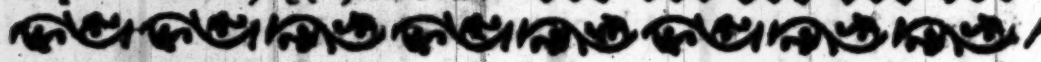
ghtes that Tytus had sente towarde the Emperoure
recounted vnto hym all the case. And whan Vaspasy
an had herde that he sente worde thughe all þe hoost
that they sholde come armed before hym. And he hy
selfe wente and armed hym with his best harneys / &
the moost rychest and wente incontynent towarde ty
tus with all his men of armes that he had about Ihe
rusalem the whiche were without nombre. 



Incontynent as Tytus sawe his fader come he
made hym reuerence and sayd vnto hym. Syr
se here Pylate the whiche is accorded for to yelde you
the cyte / so that it please you for to take hym to mercy
and all the people that is with hym the whiche dothe
praye you for to do it weppynge. And Vaspasyan þe em
peroure sayd that it was not tyme for it was by grete
force. 

Then sayd Vaspasyan vnto Pylate. Yf þe wylte
yelde me the cyte & all them þe are within (w
the) to my mercy & wylle / I am redy for to do it. But I
tell you þe I shall haue also lytell pyte on you as you
had on Ihesu cryst / for I shal venge his dethe in you
and vpon you. 

And whan Pylate herde that answer of them
perour and all the other also that was there
they were moche sorowfull and angrye & made a crye
moche greate in weppynge and lamentynge / & knewe
not what they sholde do more but sayd to vaspasyan.

Hy: take the cyte and all that you shall fynde therein/
and vs al in lyke wyse and do your good pleasure ther
with as lord. 


Then Vaspasian the emperour made inconty-
uent to fyll the dytches þ he had made to ma-
ke. And anone after he sente Tytus his sone Jafet &
Jacob with .xxx. thousande knyghtes in to the cyte/
and sayd vnto theym that they sholde shytte the gates
to the ende that none of the Jewes sholde yssue nor es-
cape from theyr handes. 


And Tytus dyde anone that the whiche þ em-
perour his fader had comaunded him/and en-
tered in to the cyte with the .xxx. thousande knyghtes/
and toke Pylate and gaue hym to kepe to ten of his
knyghtes/and sayd vnto theym that they sholde kepe
hym well. And after he made to take & bynde all the o-
ther Jewes olde and yonge of the cyte. Of the whiche
ther was withouten them that were slayne in the ba-
tall that was done before/and without them that we-
re deed for hongre thurgh the cyte. C. iij. 99. And as
he had done so he made to open the gates. 


Then the Emperour Vaspasian & all his hoost
sommyers/charettes and all the other maner
of men that watched aboute the walles of the cyte of
Jherusalem bycause that none of the Jewes sholde
yssue/dyde entre in to the sayd cyte and went al vnto

the temple of Salamon. And there the Emperoure &
all the other yelded graces to god. *Ihesu cryste* of that
he had gyuen them so good byctory. They made gre- *Vaspasian*
te feestes and reioysed them and helde them well at es- *praiseth*
se. And theder ye sholde haue sene come all manere of
folkes excepte of Jewes. And there they had bytaye
les ynoughe for it was brought vnto them frome al
partes.


How Vaspasian the Emperour and Tytus his so-
ne made for to sell. cxx. Jewes for a peny.

*30 Jewes
for a peny.*





Val. & Ty.

F. iii.

And whan the Emperour Vaspasian sawe þ
his men helde so many Jewes bounde and
holden he sayd vnto them. Lordes syth that our sayn
our Ihesu cryste hathe done vnto vs so grete grace
he hathe gyuen vs byctorye I wyl auenge his dethe
as I haue promysed hym. And wyl that these Jewes
whiche we haue taken be solde. And in lyke wyse as
they bought Ihesu cryste for .xxx. pens / soo wyl I þ
xxx. Jewes be solde for a peny. And incontynente he
made to crye al aboute where his men of armes were
lodged that who someuer wolde by ony Jewes that
they sholde come vnto them þ were ordeyned for to sel
them / & that they sholde haue .xxx. Jewes for a peny
as sayd is. And the Emperoure ordeyned .xv. knygh
tes for to selle them vnto all comers. 

Then whan the cry was made there came a kny
ght before þ forsaide Emperoure whiche sayd
vnto hym. Syr I wolde haue a penyworth of these
Jewes. And incontynent the Emperoure made to be
delyuered to hy a penyworth. Whan this said knight
had his .xxx. Jewes he had his spere in his hande and
came before the sayd Jewes þ he had bought & smot
te one of them in to the body so that he fel downe deed
to the ground. Then as the knyght drew out his spe
re there yssued out of his body a grete streame of golde
& syluer. Of the whiche the knyght meruayled moche
And toke another Jewe and sayd to hym. I wyl that
thou tell me yf thou knowe what this is for to saye / &
in what wyse this Jewe casteth out blode in semblan
ce of golde and syluer. And then that same Jewe sayd

Syr, yf you wyll assure me fro dethe I shal tell you w
oute ony faute what it is for to save. And the knyght
swore and assured hym of his lyfe. And then the iewe
tolde hym by ordre how pylate had made them for to
ete theyr besell and moneye / and precyous stones / & } *song 12*
all the treasure of the cyte / to the ende that y Emper
our nor his men sholde not finde it / and that they shol
de haue no Joye of nothyng. And we haue lyued lon
ge therby / for we had none other mete. 


Herewith that was knowen thurgh the hoost
wherfore euery body bought of the forsayd Je
wes. And the Emperour comaunded that there shol
de be delyuered vnto euery body that wolde bye for a
penye. And whan Jafet and Jacob sawe that all the
Jewes were almoost solde vnto the knyghtes. And y
they slewe them vp for the treasure y they had eten /
they sayd vnto the Emperour. Syr, one knyght amon
gest the other that is for to wete amonge the Jewes /
ought for to be / whiche was frende vnto Ihesu cryst
And the sayd knyght is called Ioseph of Armathe / y
ayded for to dyscende Ihesu cryst of the crosse / & put
him in to his sepulcre / and Nychodemus that was w
him. Also there sholde be a lady quene and her felawe
and theyr two chyldre. The whiche quene was called
Marce of Alstryke / & beleued moche strongly in Ihe
su cryst. Wherfore we praye you syr for to take theym
to mercy / for they were neuer consentyng to the dethe
of Ihesu cryste. 





How Jafet & Jacob founde Ioseph of Armathye
and brought hym befoze Vaspalyan the Emperoure
and Cytus his sone & how he toke hym to mercye.



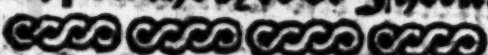
Then the emperour sayd vnto them. Loke and
make to be loke yf you can fynde them & ma-
ke them come befoze me. And then Jafet and Jacob
serched and made to serche al about and they founde
none but Ioseph of Armathye. And after they wente
in to the house of the quene for they had had often in
her house grete consolacyons with her and they foun-
de her deede & her felawe also. Then they retorned to
the Emperour with Ioseph of Armathye. And whan

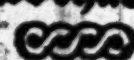
Emperoure sawe hym he demaunded hym yf it was he
that dyscended Ihesu cryst of the crosse / & he sayd yē/
wherfore the Emperour toke hym to mercy. 


So whan þe Emperour sawe þe Jewes was
not all solde yet / he demaunded of the knygh-
tes yf solde them how many penyworthes they hadde
yet for to selle / and they sayd that they had well. vi. pes-
nyworthes. And þe Emperour badde them yf they shol-
de sell no mo / for he wolde kepe those. vi. for to do hys
pleasure with. 

In Iherusalem was made than so grete slaugh-
ter of Jewes yf no man might go by the stretes
in Iherusalem but on deed bodyes / so grete nombere
there was. And it was by the counsayll that Pylate ga-
ue vnto the Jewes for to ete theyr treasure. And kno-
we yf yf they had not eten it they yf had bought theym
wolde haue taken many of theym to mercy. But for þe
loue of the treasure there was slayne. lxxiiij. M. & thre
hondred and fyfty. 

When whan the mortalyte of the Jewes was
done the Emperour made þe bodyes to be bo-
ne vnto þe walles of the cyte / and after he mas-
de to bete doونه the walles so that there abode not of
ne stone vpon another thughe all the cyte / excepte þe
temple of Salamon / and the toure of Syon / yf was
Dauidys. for god wolde not that the sayd temple nor

the sayd toure were beten downe. Then was accom-
plished the propre wordes þ our lord spake on pal-
mesondaye whan he wepte vpon the cyte of Iherusa-
lem in entrynge in to it. 

Notwithstandynge Tytus the sone of the Em-
perour afore that þ cyte was beten downe he
wente in to euery place and made to take the harneys
wherwith the cyte was well garnysshed. And also to
ke all the clothes of golde and other clothes of sylke/
that they myght fynde. For as for the other treasure
the Jewes had eten it for þ which they were all slay-
ne excepte the syre penyworthes that the Emperour
withelde and Joseph of Armathy and þ Jewe that
had tolde how they had eten theyr treasours. 

Then whan the Emperoure and Tytus his so-
ne had done that and had soiourned them the-
re and theyr men they sayd vnto Jafet and Jacob &
Joseph of Armathy that they sholde lede them there
as Ihesu cryste was put vpon the crosse and to some
Jordayne and to the sepulchre and there as he rayled
vp Lazarus. And to all the places where Ihesu cryst
had ben and done myracles. And they answered that
they wolde do it with a good wyll. And whan the Em-
perour and Tytus his sone and all theyr men were by
sytynge þ holy places all in wepyng they yelded gra-
ces vnto our lord Ihesu cryste. 

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¶ Holb the Emperoure toke shyping with all his at
mye for to retozne to Rome.



¶ After this the Emperour and Tytus his
sone with theyr armye / & with pplate &
with the syre penyworthe of Jewes toke
theyr shippes & arryued at acres where þ
Emperour put þ the penyworths in the
shippes without mete or drynke to goo where as it
sholde please our lorde Ihesu cryste. And put in eche
shyppe two penyworths of Jewes for our lorde Ihe
su cryste wolde not that all the Jewes sholde be deed /

but that there abode on the erthe for a perpetuall remembrance and memory to all the crystyens. And it happened so as god wolde that one of the shippes arrived at Narbonne the other at Bourdeaux and þ other here in Englonde. And the Jewes that were w in went that it had ben done by myracle and that had had ppte on them. But god dyde it bycause þ alwayes there sholde be remembrance of his dethe and passy on.



Uhen the Emperour and his sone Tytus made to apparayll fayre shippes and grete and made grete piousson of vytaylles as wel of whete wyne water & other vytaylles grete forson. And anone they put them within the shippes that were fayre and grete and well aourned with Jafet Jacob Joseph of Armathye and all theyr men. And god gaue them soo good wynde and so good fortune and so good porte þ within ten dayes they arrived at balcete. And fro balcete they wente by lande vnto Rome wel and in good helthe. And whan clement the appostolle knewe that the Emperoure and tytus his sone came he wente as gaynst them with all his clergye well aourned and in grete processyon.

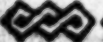



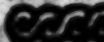
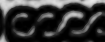

How the emperour Vaspasian was receyued at Rome and how he was crystened and tytus his sone with all theyr men.






Whan the Emperoure and Tytus his so-
 ne sawe Clement þe appostolle they dys-
 cended of theyr horsles & kissed Clement
 with ryght grete Joye and made grete
 feest in the cyte of Rome and thurgh al
 the other countrees for the loue and honour of them-
 perour and in especyall for the vengeance of Jhesu
 cryste and of his dethe and passyon that the sayd em-
 perour and his sone Tytus had made. And then þe ap-
 postolle put hym for to preche every daye the sayth of
 Jhesu cryste. And the Emperoure tytus his sone &
 all theyr men herde hym gladly. And whan the appo-
 stolle hadde preched eight dayes he wente for to se the
 Emperours in his palays and sayd vnto him. Syr our
 lord hath done you so grete grace & so grete honour
 that he hath made you to dyscomfite and haue bycto

tye agaynst your enemyes / wherfore I am comen for
to praye you that the promesses that you haue made
to hym þ you wyll accomplishe it w good herte. And
what promesse is it sayd the Emperour. Syr sayd the
Appostolle þ you do make you to be baptysed. Then
the Emperour answered I wtte it / and wyl that it be
done to the pleasure of god. Jhesu cryste w good wyl
So make to make and apparayll the fonte. And then
the appostolle departed thankynge god. Jhesu cryste
ryght ioyously. And anone the sayd Clement made to
apparayll the fonte / and at the ende of thre dayes he
baptysed the Emperour and Cytus his sone in þ nas
me of the fader / the sone / and þ holy ghost and chaun
ged not theyr names. And after he baptysed the Ses
nelhal Gay / Jafet / Jacob / Joseph of Armathye / and
after the kynges / dukes / erles / barons / prynces / and
other folkes of the Emperours and other.  


And then whan all the men of the Emperoure
& all the other multytude of people þ was thes
re was baptysed / the other came vnto the appostolle
and made them be baptysed with good wyl. And cles
ment had ryght grette Joye / & yelided graces vnto our
lorde Jhesu cryste / & vnto them that were baptysed.
And whan the people sawe þ myracles þ god shewed
in the baptysyng of the seke and lame whiche were he
led of all maladies in yfluyng out of þ water / all the
people byleued in god / and in the holy lawe and fayth
of Jhesu cryste / and bette downe all the temples of þ
pdoles / and made chirches of them.   

¶ Soth the Emperoure gaue lycence vnto his men of
armes for to retoyne in to theyr countrees. 



¶ Then whan that was done þe Emperoure gaue
lycence vnto al his barons for to retoyne in to
theyr countrees. And euery baron had of þe appostolle
theyr byleue in wytyng or they departed. Then af-
ter the Emperour and cytus his sone assembled theyr
counsail and hadde them Iuge Pylate & gaue them
the cause. So they helde theyr counsail and after res-
turned to þe Emperour and sayd. Syr we knowe well
þe Pylate hath deserued to deye but your fader þe em-
perour ordeyned þe all the straungers wolde dye at Wy-
enne. And therfore we Iuge hy to deye thus there. \



Hold Pilate was Jugged vnto dethe and after was
sente vnto Wyenne for to haue excusyon. 




Syste we ordeyne that the Justycer make
to be made in the myddes of þ place a gre
te pyller of foure cubettes of heyght with
out the grounde. And vpon the sayd pyl
ler be put a polle of a fadom of heyght / so
made that it may susteyne Pilate. And that he be put
on the sayd pyller wel bounden vnto the pole vpright
and all naked / and that he be oynted with hony & oyle
and wyten a hpe ouer his heed agaynst the sayd pole
This is Pilate that mysknewe Ihesu cryste / and re
myed his ryghfull loyde the Emperoure. And that he

haue the bysage towarde the sonne. And whan he ha
the ben there butyll nyght from tyers/let hym be dys
cended/and cut of one of his eres. And then after put
hym in pryson/and that there be gyuen vnto hym me
te and drynke ynoughe/and that he haue none yll pry
son/to the ende y he may lyue. xxi. dayes in tourment
As he made to lyue hymself & the other with the treas
sour. xxi. dayes that were in the cyte of Iherusalem: y
he and the other Jewes etc whan they bytaylles we
re faylled. And the ere cut be put in suche a place that
pplate may se it whan he shall be on y said pyller. Af
ter vpon the morowe that he haue wele to dyne/and
that he be ledde agayne vpon the sayd pyller well oyn
ted/and that he be there butyll nyght/and that he ha
ue the other ere cut of/and that it be put with y other
And that there be gyuen vnto hym alwayes mete and
drynke ynoughe. And the thyrde daye that there be ta
ken frome hym his preyuy membre. The fourth daye y
they cut of one of his handes. The. v. daye that the o
ther hande be cut of. The. vi. daye that they cut oute a
thonge from his necke vnto his hande. The. vii. daye
that they take as moche on the other syde. The. viii.
daye that they make be taken frome hym one of the so
les of his fete. The. ix. day that they make to be taken
of the other sole of his fote. The. x. daye that they ma
ke to be reysed vp a thonge frome his membres vnto
his foundement. The. xi. daye that they make to reyse
vp another thonge in the same place of crosse/to y ens
de that he bere the crosse as he made Ihesu cryste doo
The. xii. daye y they make to cut of one of his armes/
The. xiii. daye the other arme. The. xiiii. daye one of
the sholders. The. xv. daye the other sholder. The. xvi

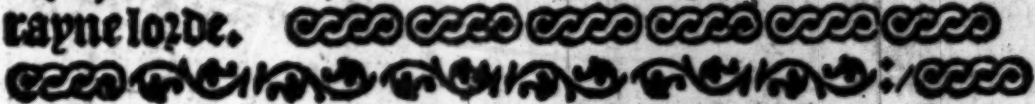
daye that they flice his bette. The. xviij. daye that they
 cut of one of his fete. The. xviij. daye that they cut of
 the other fete. The. xix. day that they breke one of his
 thyges as he dyd vnto the theues that were hanged by
 Ihesu cryst. The. xx. daye the other thyghe. The. xxi.
 daye all the body with all the membles be drawen / &
 that they cut of his tongue / and after the heed. And
 they make him be quartred / and hanged on the pylle
 in the same place to the ende that there be remembraunce.
 And then. x. dayes after that he be brente and put
 in ashes and caste in to the ryuer of Rosne. And se he
 re how we Juge hym to euyl dethe and cruell / by cau
 se that he was traytour vnto god Ihesu cryst / and to
 your owne selfe. And by cause that he hath made soo
 moche people to deye / and made dystroye so many go
 de places.

¶ When the Emperour herde þ the senatours of
 Rome had Jugged hym so for to deye. He sayd
 vnto the knyghtes that kepte hym that they
 holde lede hym vnto the prouost of Wyenne from hy
 And made to gyue them lettres sealed for to bere vnto
 to the said prouost / with the hole sentence. Then they
 departed and brought Pylate vnto the prouost of Wy
 enne and deliuered hym to hym with the sentence /
 And when the bourgeyses of Wyenne knewe that the
 knyghtes were come from the Emperour they lord
 they made them grete chere and honoure. When þ pr
 ouost of Wyenne had redde the lettres of the Emperour
 and the sentence of þ senatours of Rome / incontynent
 he made to make a chayre. And after made Pylate to

be set in it. And therein he dyde sytte at his ease/ but he myght not remeue hym. And syth the prouost made þ chayer and þ plate to be put in to a welle. And the chayer was tyed with grete chaynes of yron aboute/ soo þ þ plate touched not the water. And there he abode vnto the tyme that the pyller was redy vpon the whiche he sholde be put. And they gaue hym alwayes mete & drynke ynoughe euery day whan that he demaunded or called for it.



When after the prouost made to plante in þ place of Wyenne the pyller/ and helde hym wel iouously with the knyghtes that had broughte þ plate. For the said prouost wolde not that they sholde retorne vntyll the tyme that the Justyce were done of þ plate. And the bourgeyses and the other men of estate of the cite of Wyenne made them alwayes grete chere for the loue and honoure of the Emperour theyr souerayne lord.



And whan the pyller was planted & all ordeyned the night before that the Justyce of þ plate sholde be done. The prouost made hym to be drawe out of þ welle. And whan he was oute he was so chaunged that he had no bylage of a man (but of a deuyl) Whan the prouost sawe that he made hym to be put in to a toure that was by the bydge of Wyenne in the ryuer of Rosne/ the whiche was moche depe. In that same profounde toure was the manere of stages or places. And the ryuer of Rosne wente rounde about it

And in the fyrste stage he made to put keepers and lers
geauntes. And in the seconde he made to put Pylate
to the ende that he were better at his ease. And in the
thyrde he made to put men of armes.

¶ How as þe prouost of Wyenne wolde haue taken py
late out of the toure for to haue made execusyon the
toure and Pylate founded in abyssme.



Whan it came vnto the morowe in þe mornynge the prouost the knyghtes and dyuers other went in to the toure for to haue had Pylate to haue set hym on the pyller. And whan they were in the toure they said vnto the keepers that kepte Pylate that they sholde brynge hym oute. And then all the byrdege and the ryuer was charged with men that wolde se þe iustyce that they wolde do on Pylate. And at the houre þe the keepers wolde haue taken hym for to haue brought hym in Justyce all the toure was full of deuylles also well without as within that sayd all with one voyce. Pylate is ours pylate is ours leue hym vs. All the toure trembled wherof the prouost and all the other that were there with hym and the keepers also hadde ryght grete fere and ryght grete horrour and pssued all out of the toure and mounted vpon þe byrdege. And whan they were vpon it they behelde the toure and sawe on the turrets aboute the toure a grete multytude of deuylles. And the toure entred with Pylate & all the deuylles into the ryuer of Rosne in abyssine.

Whan the prouost the knyghtes þe bourgeses and all the other folke sawe that they meruaylled moche strongly & wolde wete and se yf the toure were entred depe in. Soo they sayd vnto a maryner of the ryuer that he sholde take a bote and goo se yf it were depe there as the toure entred with Pylate. And the maryner wolde not bycause of the peryll. So they fastened a bote with cordes vnto þe toppe of þe byrdege

and made it go vnto the place where the toure was en-
tred / in þ which place þ water roied moche strongly
And after they had .iiii. C. fadoms of corde for to leng-
the the other corde þ was to shorte. And whan the bo-
te was there it entred in with al þ corde / soo that they
put more therto / and tyed the ende of it vnto a vessell
of corke / & lete it go softly / but all entred in and neuer
herde tydynges of the toure / nor of Pylate nor of no-
thyng elles. And yet dare none approche nere þ sayd
place. And the pyller is yet ryght vp in Wyenne. The
Deuylls toke Pylate in þ toure / bycause he sholde not
conuerte hym thughe the cruell payne. Then whan
all that was done the knyghtes toke theyr leue and ro-
de vnto the Emperoure and recounted to hym all the
dede. Whan the Emperour herde that he made Jafet
Jacob and Ioseph of Armathe to wyte the dystruc-
cyon and vengeaunce of Iherusalem / for they knewe
it well. And also the dethe & Justyce of Pylate as you
haue herde worde by worde.

Thus endeth the dystruccyon and vengeaunce of
Iherusalem by Vaspasian Emperour of Rome. En-
prynted at London in flete strete at the sygne of the
sonne by Wynkyn de Worde.







